

## Response to the Non-Criminal Barricade: Disengagement & Special Relationships®

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Dupont Police Department
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Hosted by the Dupont Police Department

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## \$258/student

The way law enforcement officers respond to a mentally ill person in crisis is a topic of intense debate. If you are like a lot of law enforcement professionals you've considered these questions:

- What should officers do with a suicidal person alone in their own home who refuses to exit?
- Do officers have a legal duty to take action to try to save the subject from harming themselves?
- When is it appropriate to disengage from a noncriminal barricaded suspect and will officers be found liable if the subject harms a third party?

In this course, we'll first answer each of those questions and discuss the relevant laws about liability and the "special relationship" doctrine. We'll examine several case studies, some which resulted in the agency being found liable and some where the agency was not. You will hear the actual incident audio from a dramatic California incident in which the police disengaged. You'll learn the modern tactics your agency can use to both limit liability and prevent a violent confrontation.

## Each student will receive:

- A simple three-page decision making cheat sheet to help guide your decision making regarding when to engage, disengage and re-engage.
- A collection of policies and best practices from various agencies. You are going to walk away with the "industry standard" information.

Your instructor, Donald Anderson, is a Sergeant with the San Francisco Police Department. Donald is an experienced law enforcement professional who regularly responds to barricade incidents as a Team Leader on the department's Crisis Negotiation Team. Donald has not only studied best practices for responding to non-criminal barricades but is also a real-world practioner, frequently responding to such incidents. He is an experienced trainer who is passionate about helping police officers navigate these challenging incidents and saving lives.

This course is open to law enforcement officers and other public safety agency affiliated personnel.